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The following articles appeared in the 15 September edition of KIATISAKDI newspaper:


1. "History will record with due import that at last another eminent politician of Siam has said good-bye to politics swearing not to concern himself with it again in his life.
2. "Ex-Premier and Elder Statesman Pridi Bhanomyeng's exit from the political arena was fast and simple, despite the majority votes in the House in his favor, and it was soon afterwards that information leaked from his Thachang residence that he planned to devote the rest of his life to writing and farming.
3. "He is reported to have declared the intention to educate his son, Pan, in the faculty of finance in which he is so well versed and experienced, on one condition, however, that he shall never lay his hand on politics."
4. "Ex-Premier Field Marshal Pibul Songgram is reported to have declared his disapproval for the present penitentiary and police systems. When asked whether he would re-enter politics the Marshal said 'No'. He said, however, that should he be returned to power by some miracle he would first set his hands at improving the penitentiary and police systems.
5. "He denied that he had any knowledge of the real conditions in the prisons while in power for many years, and it was not until he himself was forced to spend a brief period in the Bangkok Light Penitentiary as a war crimes suspect that he came to sympathize with those who have had to be imprisoned. He said that our prisons, instead of serving to better the characteristics of the inmates, are actually factories for the manufacture of evils.

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6. "Pibul denied that he had any knowledge of the gestapo methods employed by the police although these originated during his time of power. All the time he was informed that everything was going on all right, he said. Now he has got a true perspective of the matter through the eyes of the man in the street.
7. "We would suggest to the ex-Premier to make a personal approach in the matter to the present Minister of Interior, Col. Chuang Chavengsakdi Songgram, who was one-time his deputy Prime Minister and a close friend of his, and who cherishes high esteem for him."

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